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Dear Harold,

A brief note re Lewis F. Powell.

A friend had given some literature distributed by the rt-wing "American Security Council." One thing was a pamphlet summarizing the supplemental statement of the "President's Blue Ribbon Defense Panel" (pres. Nixon, that is). The statement is the typical Red-scare, cautioning against any arms or military budget cutbacks in the face of the ever-growing Russian threat. Listed as one of the authors of the Spplemental Statement and member of the Blue Ribbon panel is "Lewis F. Powell, Jr.--Lawyer, Past President, ABA (1964-65)."

Also, in his Inquirer column of 12/19/71, John S. Knight wrote that "Back in the '60s I took vigorous exception to Mr. Powell's scoffing at "a great deal of XXX talk about a so-called right of the public to know everything."" Powell said this as head of ABA.

Best,

Howard